

Louisiana Public Access

WORKING TOWARDS A POSITIVE SOLUTION



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Who We Are:

“The Voice For Our Wild Public Lands, Waters and Wildlife”

OUR MISSION

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers seeks to ensure North America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting, through education and work on behalf of wild public lands and waters.

- BHA has chapters in 44 states, two Canadian provinces and one territory, and Washington, D.C.
- Over 36,000 members in North America
- Over 2,000 members in the Southeast Chapter, which includes Louisiana



Why We Are Here:

- Maintain and increase access and opportunity for anglers, hunters and other recreationists.
- Reduce conflict between private landowners and recreational fishermen.
- Find compromise and positive resolution for all stakeholders.



Concerns:

- What do the landowners want?
- Liability?
- How do the proposed severance regulations factor in?
- Where do we stop time?
- Define navigability and the Public Trust Doctrine.
- Economic impacts.



Where Do We Go From Here?:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 99

WHEREAS, a broad-based task force is needed to make concrete policy recommendations to the legislature in order to address the issue of public access on the navigable waters of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Public Recreation Access Task Force to study the conditions, needs, and issues relative to potential public recreation access on the navigable waters of the state and to make recommendations to the legislature

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **the task force shall make recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2020**, at which time the task force shall cease to exist, although the task force may disband at an earlier date following a two-thirds vote of the membership.



Where Do We Go From Here?:

- Compromise!
- Creation of hard deadlines for liability and maps.
- Introduction of policy recommendations that will allow favorable results.

